

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Older Adults Fact Sheet 2

Waiver Implementation

- The Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver was implemented throughout Maryland on January 1, 2001 through a collaborative process by DHMH and MDoA.
 - Low-income adults may be eligible if they:
 - Are at least 50 years old;
 - Have a monthly income of no more than \$1,590 (300% of the SSI level);
 - Have assets that are no more than \$2,000 or \$2,500, depending on eligibility category;
 - Qualify for nursing facility level of care; and
 - Meet all other technical and financial criteria for Medicaid eligibility.
 - There are 1,000 new slots for waiver participants.
- Clients may enroll in the waiver by calling the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).
- Providers may enroll by obtaining an application from the Maryland Department on Aging (MDoA) or calling 1-800-AGE-DIAL.
- Trainings for providers and local employees administering the waiver (AAAs, LHDs, LDSS's) were held in the months of November and December 2000.
- DHMH has a quality plan for the waiver based on protocols developed by HCFA to monitor the health and safety of waiver participants.

Implementation Challenges

- There are several steps that must be followed for clients to begin receiving services through the Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults. A case manager will coordinate these steps for clients.
 - AAA Case Manager with AERS will develop a care plan for the client
 - Client will indicate preference regarding care setting (assisted living or home)
 - AAA Case Manager will facilitate a financial eligibility determination on behalf of the client
 - If client chooses to receive services in an assisted living facility, it must be licensed
 - If facility is not licensed, we request that Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) prioritize it for licensure
 - The Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS) will facilitate a medical eligibility determination on behalf of the client to determine nursing facility level of care.
- There are steps that providers must follow to provide services to clients in the Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults.
 - Seek licensure from OHCQ if necessary
 - Obtain and complete a provider application from MDoA
 - Certification from MDoA that the provider meets all applicable requirements including a criminal background check, if required
 - MDoA will submit application to DHMH for enrollment in Medicaid Program

We Are Taking Action

- DHMH and MDoA are working hard to ensure that these processes are timely!
 - Assisted Living Tracking
 - This process provides a mechanism to prioritize unlicensed facilities for licensure that are serving prospective waiver candidates.
 - Provider Application Tracking Process
 - This process allows DHMH to track the progress of provider applications that have been certified by MDoA.
 - DHMH and MDoA are in continuous contact with DHR to monitor the progress of the approval of waiver clients.

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- DHMH and MDoA have added additional staff to assist with provider enrollment.

Please call your local AAA if you have questions regarding the **Waiver for Older Adults**

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